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SUBJECT: SUDANESE CANDIDACY FOR SEAT ON IAEA BOARD OF
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1. USG IN PAST HAS FOLLOWED PRACTICE GENERALLY SHARED BY
OTHER IAEA MEMBERS OF SUPPORTING CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF
GOVERNORS WHO ENJOY A CONSENSUS OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER
MEMBERS OF THEIR REGION. IN OUR EXPERIENCE THIS HAS PROVEN
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TO BE A WISE PRACTICE FOR IT AVOIDS CHARGES OF MEDDLING IN
THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER GEOGRAPHIC REGION. MOREOVER, AREA
CONSENSUS IS OFTEN NOT CLEAR UNTIL OPENING OF THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER. IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN
COMPETING CANDIDATES FROM THE SAME REGION. THIS APPEARS TO
BE THE CASE THIS YEAR FOR BOTH THE AFRICAN AND LATIN
AMERICAN REGIONS. IN ADDITION TO SUDAN, THERE ARE AT

LEAST TWO OTHER CANDIDATES (MOROCCO AND ZAIRE) WHICH HAVE MADE KNOWN THEIR CANDIDACY FOR THE TWO SEATS WHICH WILL BE FILLED BY AFRICAN STATES.

2. DEPT RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY REPLY TO SUDANESE NOTE INDICATING OUR PLEASURE IN LEARNING OF THE SUDANES CANDIDACY AND OUR INTENTION TO BEAR IT IN MIND AS THE US PREPARES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL CONFERENCE. REPLY SHOULD ALSO CITE CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF US AND OTHER MEMBER STATES OF ASCERTAINING THE PREFERENCES OF OTHER STATES IN THE REGION OR REGIONS REPRESENTED BY THE SEAT IN QUESTION BEFORE DECIDING WHICH CANDIDATE TO SUPPORT. CHRISTOPHER

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